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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 33-34, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2A shows EST 905531 (SEQ ID NO:3) and Fig. Figure 2B shows EST 1326258 (SEQ ID NO:4) in alignment with human *Ptch-2* (SEQ ID NO:1). These EST's were used in the cloning of human full-length *Ptch-2*.